

News Release

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VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS SPRING 2005

Valley of Fire is a 36,000 acre park located 10 miles from Lake Mead. The park derives its name from the red sandstone formations surrounded by the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert. Ancient trees and early man are represented throughout the park by areas of petrified wood and 4,000 year old Indian writings called petroglyphs. Some of the popular activities include camping, picnicking, hiking, and photography.

Valley of Fire is located 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15 at Exit # 75. The park is also accessible by Lake Mead via Northshore Road. The Visitor's Center is open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily. Various local artworks are displayed at the Visitor's Center year round. Please contact the park office at (702) 397-2088 for more information. An informational video of the park is shown every 10 minutes at the Visitor's Center. All programs are free, but the park entrance fee is \$6.00 per vehicle.

Saturday, February 12, 2005

10:00 am.....Nature Hike.....Pinnacles and Peaks

Join a Ranger on this 3 mile roundtrip hike through a wash with limestone outcrops that leads you to some fascinating red pinnacles. Meet at Atlatl Rock parking lot. Not recommended for children under 7 years and bring some water and sturdy hiking shoes.

Saturday, February 19, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Geology Rocks Valley of Fire

Where do the purple, yellow, red and white colors come from? How does a slot canyon form? Join a Park Ranger on this 1.25 mile loop to learn about these geological treasures of Valley of Fire. Meet at White Domes parking lot.

Saturday, February 26, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Back Door to White Domes

Come join a Park Ranger on this 8 mile hike on an old dirt road, which takes you all the way to the slot canyon in the White Domes Loop Trail. Be prepared with sturdy hiking shoes and plenty of water. Not recommended for children under 7.

Sunday, February 27, 2005

10:00 am.....Nature Hike.....Nature's Wonder

Enjoy the natural beauty of this 2 1/2 mile roundtrip hike through a wash where you can see the parks only trees. We will also see a natural arch and hopefully some wildlife. Meet the Park Ranger at Clark Monument turnoff.

Sunday, March 6, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....Survival of the Fittest

Can you survive the wilderness? What do you do if you are out of water and dehydrated? What do you do if you get bit by an animal? Help is on the way!! Join Park staff at Fire Canyon to learn desert survival.

Saturday, March 12, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Charlie's Spring

Meet the Park Ranger at Clark's Monument for a 5 mile roundtrip hike through a desert wash. At the halfway point, we will come across a small stream and will hopefully see some wildlife. Not recommended for children under 7 years and bring water.

Sunday, March 13, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....The Wood's Not Scared, it's Petrified!!

Come join a Park Ranger and find out how and when these petrified logs arrived at the Valley of Fire State Park, and how nature has preserved these geological wonders. Meet at Visitor's Center.

Friday, March 18, 2005

7:00 pm.....Interpretive Talk.....Moonlight Astronomy

Meet the Park Ranger at Mouse's tank to welcome guest speaker for viewing the night sky. You will be able to see the moon so close, it will look like as though you're flying

over it at a height of 500 miles! You will see the Rings of Saturn and its Moons as well as exploding stars and Galaxies that are 12 million light years away!

Saturday, March 19, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....What is Mouse's Tank?

Join Park staff at Mouse's Tank for a ½ mile hike. Learn about the Anasazi Indian who this trail is famous for. You'll also see the ancient writings from long ago left from the Anasazi/Pueblo tribes.

Sunday, March 20, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....The Howling Coyote

Do you want to hear our Park staff call like coyotes? We sure do! Come and learn about the coyote's environment, eating habits and all there is to learn about this rambunctious creature.

Friday, March 25, 2005

10:00 am.....Nature Hike.....Poodles, Piano and Bridges

Bring your children and imaginations to this wondrous overview of the spectacular rock formations of the Valley of Fire. Join Park staff at Atlatl Rock Picnic Area and see if you can find a poodle, piano and bridge while enjoying the rest of nature's fantastic art work.

Saturday, March 26, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....What Nature Created and What Men Left Behind.

Come join Park staff for this 45 minute hike at Atlatl Rock. Learn what nature has created in our park, how communication was used in the past and what the C.C.C. left behind.

Saturday, April 2, 2005

10:00 am.....Special Event.....Atlatl Contest

Learn how our primitive ancestors used to hunt at the World Atlatl Association Contest. Everyone (kids included) is welcome to compete in this contest. Bring your own equipment or use ours. Registration is at 10:00 am and the contest begins shortly after.

Sunday, April 3, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....TreadLightly!

Join a Park Ranger for some games and excitement while learning the principles of Treadlightly! and outdoor ethics. Meet at Atlatl Rock Campground (across from site #4).

Saturday, April 9, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Big Horn Basin

Come and join a Park Ranger for a 4 ½ roundtrip hike through the desert wilderness. Stop at a water guzzler where big horn sheep and wild burros like to rest and drink. Hopefully we will see some wildlife. No pets please.

Sunday, April 10, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....Triple C's

Come learn when, why and how the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built the unique structures called the Cabins. Experience the life of a CCC worker and discover how they made it though the hot summer. Meet the Park Ranger at the Cabins.

Saturday, April 16, 2005

11:00 am.....Nature Hike.....Wildflowers Walk

Join Park Rangers for this easy hike to learn about the different wildflowers that are in the park and the many survival adaptations that they have. The hike will start at Mouse's Tank Picnic area and we will be caravanning to a couple of other sites.

Sunday, April 17, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....Legends and Lore

Come meet park staff to learn how through history spoken tales were used to pass along lessons and explanations for why and how things happen. Hear a few of these stories such as why animals speak a different language and why we should not boast.

Saturday, April 23, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....Mouse's House

Join Park staff to hear about the fascinating tale of Mouse, a Paiute Indian whom legend has branded an outlaw. See how he used the rugged terrain of Valley of Fire for hiding out and the tank he stayed near in the labyrinth of rock formations of this Petroglyph canyon.

Sunday, April 24, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Natures Medicine Cabinet

What did people do before pharmacies and prescriptions? Meet a Park Ranger at Mouse's Tank Picnic area to learn about the medical uses of some common plants of the Mojave Desert.

Sunday, May 1, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....What's it like to look outside the box? Ask a tortoise.

Have you ever noticed a rock walking across the road? A closer look often reveals it is a desert tortoise out for a stroll. Our Park Ranger will be providing an introduction to this docile and inoffensive reptile with a live specimen.

Saturday May 7, 2005

10:00 am.....Nature Hike.....Arrowhead Adventure

Excellent photographic opportunities of Lake Mead await you on this 1 ½ mile moderate hike. You will even come across a prop used in a popular movie. Meet Park staff at the East Entrance parking lot. Not recommended for children under 7 years.

Sunday, May 8, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive HikeSomewhere Over the Rainbow Vista

A Park Ranger will take you on a guided walk to the Fire Canyon Overlook. Meet at the Rainbow Vista parking lot for this 1 ¾ mile hike in the sand. Not recommended for children under 7 years. Please bring water and sturdy hiking shoes.

Saturday, May 14, 2005

8:00 pm.....Interpretive Talk.....Moonlight Astronomy

Meet a Park Ranger at Mouse's tank to welcome a guest speaker for viewing the night sky. You will be able to see the moon so close, it will look like as though you're flying over it at a height of 500 miles! You will see the Rings of Saturn and its Moons as well as exploding stars and Galaxies that are 12 million light years away!

Sunday, May 15, 2005

11:00 am.....Interpretive Talk.....Venomous Critters

The desert is full of deadly villains that fly, crawl and tip-toe about; or is it? The various snakes, tarantulas and scorpions found here will be a few of the critters discussed. Join Park staff to learn more. Bug repellent and anti-venom is optional.

Sunday, May 22, 2005

10:00 am.....Nature hike.....Under the Blue Sky

Have you ever wondered what lives in the Valley of Fire State Park? Come and join Park staff at Atlatl Rock picnic area to learn more about what's under the blue sky at Valley of Fire.

Saturday, May 28, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Pinnacles and Peaks

Join a Ranger on this 3 mile roundtrip hike through a wash with limestone outcrops that leads you to some fascinating red pinnacles. Meet at Atlatl Rock parking lot. Not recommended for children under 7 years and bring some water and sturdy hiking shoes.

Sunday, May 29, 2005

10:00 am.....Interpretive Hike.....Fossil Hunt

Join a Park Ranger to see what lived here at Valley of Fire millions of years ago. See what fossils we have in the park and join the adventure of finding them in the Muddy Mountain Range. Meet at the Beehive parking lot.